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FOR DR Z BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FOROM BONN DATED MARCH 10, 1977 SENT
SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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FOR SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, TECH, MNUC, GW

SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S CALL ON CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT

1. WHEN WE ARRIVED FOR 12 NOON MEETING TODAY WITH
HERMES, WE WERE SURPRISED TO BE TOLD THAT CHRISTOPHER
WAS TO SEE CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AT 12:20. IT WAS EXPLAINED
THAT THROUGH INADVERTENCE OUR EMBASSY HAD NOT BEEN
INFORMED EARLIER AND THAT SCHMIDT WAS DELAYING HIS
DEPARTURE FROM BONN TO SEE CHRISTOPHER.

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2. CHRISTOPHER SAW SCHMIDT ALONE WITH HERMES. SCHMIDT
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER,
SAID HE HAD STUDIED IT, AND WOULD BE REPLYING AT SOME
FUTURE DATE.

3. SCHMIDT, SAYING HE DID NOT WISH TO GET INTO SUB-

STANTIVE OR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS, MADE TWO POINTS:

(1) HE SAID THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE BRAZIL-GERMANY DEAL ARE A "HEAVY WEIGHT" FOR HIM TO CARRY FROM A DOMESTIC, BILATERAL, AND INTERNATIONAL STANDPOINT. HE SAID HE FEELS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE OUTCOME FROM EVERY STANDPOINT. DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH 25 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, HE SAID THAT IF THIS WERE A "GREEN MEADOW" (A CLEAN SLATE), THE NPT MIGHT BE CAST IN A DIFFERENT MANNER (PRESUMABLY TO PROHIBIT TRANSFERS OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY), BUT THAT THE EXISTING TERMS PRESENT A PROBLEM. HE AGREED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES, BUT HE IMPLIED THAT ALL PRESENT GREAT DIFFICULTY. IN SHORT, HE WAS PLEASANT BUT DEEPLY CONCERNED.

(2) HE SAID HE IS "IRRITATED" BY THE EXTENSIVE "PUBLICITY" BEING GIVEN TO THE GERMANY-BRAZIL DEAL. NOT ALL OF IT, HE SAID, WAS "SUCKED OUT FROM UNDER THE FINGERNAILS". CHRISTOPHER ASSURED HIM THAT WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO CLAMP DOWN ON THE COVERAGE, BUT THE PRESS IS FREE. ALTHOUGH CONTINUING TO EXPRESS IRRITATION, SCHMIDT VOLUNTEERED THAT THE LEAKS REGARDING HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE NUCLEAR SUBJECT PROBABLY CAME FROM THE BRANDT GROUP. I ASSURED HIM IT DID NOT COME FROM US.

4. SCHMIDT SAID THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE TIME FOR
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SOME "BILATERAL" CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE
TIME OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT.
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